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**Cover Photo:** A close-up of ‘Mayor of Munchkinland’, hybridized by Tim Herrington and winner of winner of the 2016 Georgia Hybridizers Award and top vote getter for the 2016 AHS H.M. Award.

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The Family of Earnest Yearwood
Hello and spring greetings to everyone. Mother Nature has once again proven who's boss. Although middle Georgia flower gardens fared pretty well during this past week's version of winter, we may be eating fewer (more expensive) peaches, blueberries, and strawberries later this year. We had a bigger crowd than usual at our Winter Regional and as usual we all had lots of fun and enjoyed the program of Eric Simpson of Blue Ridge Gardens. We also had a special video presentation from Hans Herrington that put us limited-savvy computer folks to shame. Special thanks for auction items to the Bishops, Elliotts, and Joiners and of course those who won items and contributed to our Region 5 treasury. We have two more events before our show season is in full swing and would like to encourage everyone to attend them:

1. April 29th: Georgia Hybridizer's Springtime Celebration at the Maneki Neko Gardens, home of our President and First Lady, Scott and Dominque Elliott (and of course Bob, the Magnificent). This is an all day celebration of visiting with several of our GA Hybridizers, seeing the season's first daylily blooms and hydrangeas, bargain tables, auctions, raffles, and of course delicious Rusty Pig's BBQ (and I hope Sad Cake). Garden Judges Workshop 1 and Exhibition Judges Workshop 1 will be offered as well as a discussion of the new Daylily Exhibitions Handbook Changes. More details and registration form appear later in the newsletter.

2. May 19-20: Region 5's Springtime Regional hosted by the Valdosta Club. We'll have two days of some of the best gardens Georgia has to offer beginning with a Friday BBQ and auction at Bell's Daylily Garden in Sycamore. All Garden and Exhibition Workshops will be available on Friday. On Saturday you'll tour gardens you haven't seen before when we visit the Fowlers, Potts and Wynn's. In between we'll have raffle items (including club 'baskets'), bargain tables, boutique table, and of course auctions. At our Saturday night banquet, we'll have a special new program from our AHS President Nikki Schmith, entitled 'On The Edge'. We'll be the first to hear it and I'm already excited. The registration form also appears a little later in the book and do hurry and register as there is a strict limit of 130.

The National Convention Virginia seems to be quite popular. If you plan on going and haven't registered yet, the main hotel has sold out and they've contracted with 2 other hotels close by (remember, this is another big tourist area). Please check out the website for more details: ahs2017convention.org

So far, this has been a busy year for AHS and will quickly bring you up to date:

- The AHS fundraising auction was a big success-grossed over $14,000. A new fundraising campaign “100 giving $100” will be detailed in the next Journal. Know you want to be among the 100 members receiving a limited edition pin for supporting the AHS.

- 2016 Checklist will no longer be printed. A free pdf download version should be available in April.

- Popularity Poll reevaluation is underway. Committee Chair Sandy Holmes says to expect some changes in 2018. 2017 Ballots will be available on AHS website shortly.

- Garden Judges: The pdf of the 2017 ballot has been published and may be downloaded by anyone (if they want to play along—just can't turn it in).

- Exhibition Judges and Enthusiasts: Claude Carpenter redesigned the pages on the Portal for Exhibitions and they are great—please check them out. Anyone can now also download the 2017 edition of the Daylily Exhibitions Handbook from that page too—without having to log in! Here: http://www.daylilynetwork.org/page/ExhibitionJudging

And how to stage a show here:
http://www.daylilynetwork.org/page/AccreditedShows

- Technology: Many changes have already been made and implemented to the database, i.e. adding color search, smarter search, field validations, awards, image loader etc... the speed halted to a crawl. The database is but a piece of the big AHS website puzzle; it will be great when completed but please be patient and continue making suggestions for the end product.

- Updated Voucher Program: The list of our valued vendors in our Membership Voucher Program has been updated by Scott Elliott and new AHS Membership Chair, Bev Winkelmann. Look at the pages to see the changes in the program and check out the new vendors: http://www.daylilies.org/MembershipIncentives.html As a thank you to our valued vendors, their names and websites will be featured in the upcoming Journal.

Lastly (finally), as we prepare for our shows, now is the time to read and familiarize yourself with all the changes in the new Daylily Exhibitions Handbook. It's available everywhere—online to read, print, order from AHS Publications. There's even a ppt presentation and a video from Nikki—that are available and easy to understand. Enjoy this daylily season and I'm looking forward to seeing you on the daylily trail.
Regional President’s Report
Scott Elliott

Well, that was a mild winter. Up until March 15th, anyway! What’s with this record mild winter followed by the coldest days of the year just 5 days before the official start of spring? After travelling more than 40,000 miles this winter going to daylily meetings around the country, I am thankful that we live in a region where winter does not dominate the calendar. Our winter was “cold enough” to keep the daylilies happy, yet not cold enough to make us miserable. And, by the time this issue is mailed out our “harsh” winter will be a thing of the past.

This is going to be an exciting year for Region 5. We already started out the year with our Winter Meeting in February. It was well attended with around 90 people in attendance. Eric Simpson, Blue Ridge Daylilies, NC, entertained us with a great presentation on his hybridizing program. I look forward to his future contributions to the daylily world.

The 2016 Spring Regional Meeting, sponsored by the Valdosta Daylily Society, will be held in Valdosta this year. Friday begins at the hotel with garden judges’ and exhibition judges’ clinics. Later that evening, we will go to Bell’s Daylily Garden for a catered meal followed by the auction. The banquet on Saturday evening will be held at the hotel. The program for the evening will be presented by AHS President, Nikki Schmith. Those of you who have heard the Nikki speak know that this will be quite entertaining. Look for a registration form and schedule in this issue of The Georgia Daylily and come join us.

Attention Garden Judges: Region 5 hybridizers continue to be successful on the national level, including our Friday night host, Tim Bell. Many of the best daylilies in the world are being produced right here in Georgia. You don’t need to go to far away locations to see some of the best daylilies being hybridized today. Make sure you take the time to go out and see the fabulous daylilies being produced by our own Region 5 hybridizers. Remember, plants hybridized by Region 5 hybridizers likely grow best in our own region. Check out your awards ballot and become familiar with the candidates before the regional meeting. I am sure that your support would be greatly appreciated.

Attention Garden Judges and Instructors: We will be redoing the entire garden judges’ curriculum this fall. Every aspect of the courses will be updated, including the Handbook, tests and PowerPoint lectures accompanying the class. If you have any suggestions, or would like to help in this process, please contact me.

To avoid confusion with the Popularity Poll, the deadline for voting for the 2016 Georgia Hybridizer’s award ballot has been moved up to July 1st. A copy is published in this issue of the Georgia Daylily. You can also vote electronically on the Region 5 website, ahssregion.org. All Region 5 members are eligible to vote for your favorite daylily nominated by a Region 5 hybridizer. Remember, this is NOT to be a group effort. Individual voting is the rule.

The Region 5 Popularity Poll ballot is also available in this issue. You can mail in the ballot, or vote online on the AHS website at daylilies.org under the Popularity Poll tab. If you prefer a hard copy and do not want to cut one out of this issue of the Georgia Daylily, you may also download a copy of the ballot from the AHS website, the Region 5 website or the AHS Region 5 Facebook page. All AHS members in Region 5 are encouraged to vote and make their preferences known for their favorite daylilies that grow well in Region 5. Remember, this is NOT to be a group effort. Individual voting is the rule.

Getting in the Zone

There has long been a problem with accurately determining the suitability of a cultivar for a given growing area. The use of foliage type to indicate a plant’s “hardiness”-a term used to describe a plant that can survive and grow well in specific adverse conditions, i.e., cold hardy, heat hardy or drought hardy-is not validated by scientific evidence. This is corroborated by the fact that hardness and foliage type are inherited independently.

To better indicate hardness for a specific area, the AHS Scientific Studies Committee (SSC) and the AHS Registration Committee are proposing the inclusion of the standardized USDA Hardiness Zones in which the cultivar was hybridized and tested on future registrations (likely beginning January 1, 2018). Additionally, foliage type designations will no longer be a required element, but will still be included in the Color/Description section.

Plans are to include a current USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map on the AHS website, along with a listing of the average annual extreme winter minimum temperatures for each zone. This will aid our international members in determining hardness in their respective areas.

Your thoughts and comments on this proposal are welcome. A special forum has been designated at the national convention in Norfolk, VA, to discuss these changes. You may also contact the SSC directly at science@daylilies.org or the Registration Committee at registrationchair@daylilies.org.
Youngsters, it has been a January and February with warmer than usual temperatures. As I look out this morning I see a pretty heavy frost, so daylily foliage may be knocked back a bit. I'm sure we are not out of the woods in North Georgia. Surely we cannot have a late cold snap in April again, like last year, when scapes were stunted. The weather is one component that we have no control over, unless you have a greenhouse. I wonder how many people in our Region start seeds under grow lights. I know some do, for sure. Another way that we can engage in daylily fever in the off season is through the many sites online that show pictures of daylilies and discuss them. The Georgia Daylily and The Daylily Journal also whet our appetites for bloom season. In the meantime, get those gardens ready!

One change to mark on your calendar is that the voting deadline for the Georgia Hybridizers’ Award has been changed to July 1. A main reason for this was to give it more attention to it. Bloom season is pretty much over by then, so remember to cast your ballots for your favorite! You may email your choice or mail a hard copy to me. The AHS Region 5 Popularity Poll deadline is still September 1. You may vote online through the AHS or send me your paper ballot. Copies may be found on the AHS Region 5 Facebook page. Let’s see how many people you can get to vote this year. Some Regions have more members participate than we do, so we can change that this year. Show them that we have a great Region!

Events abound for the daylily enthusiast in Georgia! Our Winter Meeting in Macon was well attended by enthusiastic daylily friends. Eric Simpson was our speaker and he has some wonderful flowers. There was a lively auction of his plants, plus ones donated by Region 5 members. Yet there were some bargains to be had on some daylilies. Tim Bell provided some great buys on the Bargain Table. It was great to see our friends there! If you have never attended a Fall or Winter Meeting, you should try it out. You will return frequently because of all of the good things.

First on our calendar is the Georgia Hybridizers’ Spring Celebration on April 29 in beautiful Ellabell. There will be Bargain Tables, an auction, and good food. You can get some great daylilies there, all hybridized in our fair state. It will be a head start on bloom season, plus you get to talk with many of your daylily friends, always a bonus.

The Valdosta club will host the Spring Regional this year. It will be held on May 13 and 14. Friday the 13th will be lucky, as we will get to see the beautiful Bell garden, eat well and bid on daylilies at the auction. The next morning we’ll board our bus to tour daylily gardens. This is a favorite part of the weekend, as we mingle with friends while enjoying wonderful flowers. It is an early look at blooms for people north of there. A good time will be had by all. You should consider hosting a Spring Regional, as the Greater Atlanta and Middle Georgia clubs will be doing the next two years. Savannah will be the host city for the AHS National Convention in 2020, so there won’t be a Spring Regional in that year. So 2021 will be the next one. That gives your club plenty of time to get things in order and prepare your gardens. The suggestion was made several years ago that the NWGDS host a Regional and it was quickly dismissed because we certainly could not do it. At the Spring Regional in Savannah in 2012 it was encouraged by a group of large, strong men to a small weak one that maybe NWGDS should host it. He went back to the hotel and had a meeting with seven other members to discuss the feasibility of doing just that. The club enthusiastically approved hosting it in 2014, although none of us knew what to do. David Arthur knows a thing or two about hosting a convention and came to speak to our steering committee. There are plenty of people who will help guide you through it. It’s a lot of work, but it did bring our club together, just like David said it would. I believe our club was proud of how it turned out. Thirty eight of our members attended it, for many their first time at a Regional. So, consider doing it!

Many clubs will be holding AHS accredited shows, beginning in May and extending through June 17. The dates are likely to be found with the club reports. Visiting other clubs and their shows can yield new ideas that you can try. Plus, you are around beautiful blooms and people talking daylilies! Please make sure you learn about the new regulations so that you will know what the judges are looking for now. I have seen some pretty big smiles on some faces at shows when the judging has been completed. Working to prepare for the show and helping that day are very rewarding as well. Some clubs also hold garden tours during bloom season. Again, it is an opportunity to see new daylilies, garden art, and to mingle with like-minded enthusiasts. Don’t forget to carry a pad and pen to write down the flowers you can no longer live without because writing them on your hand might smear. How would I know that?

The Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society will again host their wonderfully successful Daylily Festival on June 3. Check for more information in this magazine. They have a daylily show and ones for sale.

The DSGA (Greater Atlanta) is planning a bus trip to the Northern Mecca in early July. Last year the Cobb County club went to the Florida Mecca, as has the Middle Georgia club. There are many opportunities out there for us to get completely immersed in daylily things. Did you realize years ago that you would ever get interested in a flower? I surely did not. They say you come for the flower and stay for the people. I think it is both.

Coming up is the season that we have all been waiting for all of these months. Let’s get out there and have some fun! Out there and have some fun!
Region 5 Winter Meeting Minutes

Doris Bishop

The Winter Meeting of Region 5 of the American Hemerocallis Society was held February 4, 2017 at the Theatre Arts Complex at Middle Georgia University in Macon, Georgia beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Region 5 President Scott Elliott. James Fennell gave the invocation. Scott extended a warm welcome to all in attendance.

Roll Call By Club/# Present (Led by Doris Bishop)

Albany Daylily Society 15
The Daylily Society of Greater Augusta 1
Central Georgia Daylily Society 6
Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society 6
Cobb County Daylily Society 8
Dublin Hemerocallis Society 10
Flint River Daylily Society 2
Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta 12
*Heart Of Georgia 7
Middle Georgia Hemerocallis Society 21
North Georgia Daylily Society 1
Northwest Georgia Daylily Society 11
Ogeechee Daylily Society 11
Savannah Daylily Society 5
South Georgia Daylily Society 0
Southwest Georgia Daylily Society 0
Valdosta Hemerocallis Society 12

*Region 5 welcomes its newest club that meets in Perry, Georgia.

Secretary’s Report

Minutes of the Region 5 Fall Meeting were unanimously approved as printed in the last issue of The Georgia Daylily. Jack Rigsby made a motion to approve.

Treasurer’s Report

Region 5 Treasurer reported the region has a balance of $32,958.58 and thanked those clubs who have made financial donations for The Georgia Daylily. Gene Perry made a motion to approve the report which was approved unanimously.

Director’s Report

Region 5 Director Barbara Kirby noted that today’s meeting is one of the best attended winter meetings. Heartfelt concern and prayers go to all who have experienced damage from recent storms. Barbara gave an update from the AHS Board of Directors meeting. The AHS database now sorts cultivars by color and lists individual cultivar awards. Accessing daylilies in the database should speed up once all the changes are implemented. Previously donors have given matching funds to donations to the AHS. These donors have run out, so new donors are needed. Recently the AHS conducted an auction which raised $14,000. Each region was asked to provide at least two items with a total of sixty-two items donated to the auction. Barbara suggested that our clubs consider a similar auction as a fundraiser for our region, since dues do not support our region. Barbara praised Region 5 describing it as a Daylily Mecca. Region 5 has the most daylily shows with awards and people attending the shows. It had the only Ophelia Taylor Award in 2016. Four Region 5 members—Scott Elliott, Jim Mullins, Joann Stewart, and Jessie Worsham—were instrumental in developing the latest revision of the Exhibition Judges Handbook. An Exhibition Judges’ class will be held after today’s meeting to review the changes. The new handbook will soon be available from AHS for $20 plus $4 shipping and soon downloadable from the AHS Portal (PDF). Barbara noted that judges now must be an AHS member for only one year (previously two years). More exhibition judges are needed. The Annual Supplement and Checklist is no longer printed but can be found on the AHS Portal and on disc. Barbara announced the Region 5 members who have died since our last meeting in October—Nell McCreery, Ruth Killingsworth, and Charlotte Curry’s sister. Scott Elliott was recognized for being a great Region 5 president, editing the new AHS Exhibition Judges Handbook, chairing the AHS Scientific Studies Committee, and most recently chairing the Judges’ Education Committee. Jessie Worsham was recognized for writing an article to come out in The Daylily Journal. Region 5 had thirteen daylily shows of the forty-five daylily shows held in the AHS. Barbara encouraged joining the AHS and told some of the benefits of joining—four copies of The Daylily Journal and three copies of The Georgia Daylily annually. The 2017 National Convention will be hosted by the Tidewater Daylily Society in Norfolk, Virginia June 21-24. The 2018 National will be in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with the 2019 National in Wisconsin. The 2020 National will return to Region 5 and be hosted by the Ogeechee Daylily Society. Convention co-chairs will be Scott Elliott and Mike Curlin. Barbara concluded her report by drawing Louise Schindler’s name as the early registration winner of H. ‘School Bus Dreams’ donated by Tim Bell.

Region 5 2017 Daylily Show Dates

Albany- May 13
Greater Augusta- June 3
Central GA- June 8
Chattahoochee Valley- June 3
Cobb- June 3
Dublin- June 3
Flint River-June 11
Greater Atlanta- June 10
Middle GA- May 27
North GA- June 3
NWGDS- June 17
Ogeechee- May 17 and May 27
SW GA – May 13
Valdosta- No show this year, hosting Regional
Region 5 Publicity Director (RPD)

RPD David Bishop announced that the deadline for the Georgia Hybridizer’s Award is February 28. Six nominees have been made thus far. A hybridizer may nominate one cultivar for this award. This year’s Popularity Poll ballots are available at today’s meeting on the registration table. The ballot may also be found on the AHS website and Region 5 Facebook page. Please send information about any upcoming events to David, so he may publicize the events. The 2017 Tom Fletcher Photography Contest will feature only flowers hybridized by Georgia hybridizers. The Georgia Hybridizers’ Springtime Celebration will be April 29 at the Elliott’s Maneki Neko Gardens in Ellabell. This event is open to all Georgia hybridizers. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will go to Region 5. There will be a bargain table, live auction, BBQ provided by the Rusty Pig, judging classes, and lots of fun, fellowship, and daylilies. Come and make new friends and take home lots of daylilies while supporting our region at the same time.

Scott reported on more updates from AHS. There are two AHS life membership payment plans now under consideration. More information will be coming. He also encouraged clubs to promote AHS membership and asked for ideas for improving membership. Eight daylily growers in Region 5 are now participating in the AHS Voucher Program. New power point programs are now available for Exhibition Judges Instructors that are easier to follow. The first Exhibition Judges class will be offered online. There has been a change in terminology for foliage types. The three foliage types now recognized by AHS are deciduous (replacing dormant), semi evergreen (or semi deciduous), and evergreen. Scott emphasized that foliage type and dormancy are not the same. Hybridizer Tim Bell asked how to explain what semi evergreen is since there is no clear-cut standard. He also pointed out that since foliage type is not an indication of hardiness, the best measures of hardiness are the location that the daylily was hybridized and, also looking at the daylily’s parents. Tim recommended that the growing zone number be included in the registration information.

Old Business

Scott addressed the proposal to change the date of the Georgia Hybridizer’s Award. To prevent this award from being associated with the Popularity Poll, the Georgia Hybridizer’s Award ballots will now be due by July 1. Scott discouraged any group voting for this award and Popularity Poll. Voting should be an individual effort.

New Business

Dominique Elliott, editor of The Georgia Daylily, has retired because of time restraints due to her job. Claude Carpenter will now serve as the new editor, effective immediately. Submissions for the next issue should be sent to Claude by the March 15 deadline. Claude asked for suggestions of the types of articles wanted for the region newsletter. We all thank Dominique for the outstanding job she has done as editor.

Region 5’s youngest member, Hans Herrington, treated meeting attendees to a most entertaining and enlightening program entitled “Do You Know How Much Fun Daylilies Are?”. What we do know, if we did not already, is that Hans is a very creative and imaginative young lad. What a treat!

Larry Miller announced that the Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Festival will be June 3 at the Columbus Botanical Garden. There will be a daylily show, art and craft vendors, music, clinics, and daylilies for sale from the Bonners.

Gene Perry updated us on the upcoming Region 5 Spring Meeting in Valdosta May 19-20. Early registration deadline is March 31 to be in the drawing for $500 in daylilies. The meeting will be at the Hilton Garden Inn (Exit 18 I-75). Nightly hotel room rates are $104. There will be a silent auction, two nights of live auctions, garden tours, and bargain table daylilies. Each participant will receive a registration daylily. AHS President Nikki Schmith will be the guest speaker. Region 5 clubs have been asked to donate a raffle basket. Daylilies are needed for the live auction. Gene lives in Central Florida and drives a good distance to meetings. He asked them to stand.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Gene Perry moved to adjourn, and Jack Rigsby seconded the motion.

Scott introduced guest speaker and hybridizer Eric Simpson who gardens with Bob Selman at Blue Ridge Daylilies in North Carolina. Their garden was a National tour garden in 2014. Having hybridized daylilies for sixteen years, Eric explained his hybridizing goals to create vigorous Northern hardy plants with fancy faces and exceptional plant habit. Eric treated us to a show of his beautiful introductions and possible future intros.

At the conclusion of Eric’s presentation, a cold deli lunch was served. Following lunch was an auction of Eric’s introductions and Region 5 donations. A special THANK YOU goes to all who donated plants to the auction and to those who bought. Tim and Linda Bell provided the Bargain Table plants prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Region 5 President Scott Elliott.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Bishop
Region 5 Secretary
March 3, 2017

Upcoming Events & Speakers

Bell’s Daylily Spectacular
September 9, 2017 in Bell’s Daylily Garden, Sycamore, Georgia

Region 5 Fall Meeting
October 7, 2017 in Macon with guest speaker Margo Reed from Woodhenge Gardens (VA). Margo specializes in unusual forms and spiders.

Region 5 Winter Meeting
February 3, 2018 in Macon with guest speaker Don Wolff (KY) who specializes in unusual form doubles.

2018 Region 5 Spring Meeting
To be hosted by the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta. The Emnman Joiner Seedling Bed will be in Bruce Kovach’s garden and is now ready for seedlings to allow time to get established.

Scott recognized the first-time attendees by asking them to stand.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Gene Perry moved to adjourn, and Jack Rigsby seconded the motion.
AHS Region 5 Spring Meeting
May 19-20, 2017
Hosted by the Valdosta Daylily Society
Kathy Fowler, Registrar
848 Hempstead Church Rd
Moultrie, GA 31778
Phone: 478-299-2652  E-mail: kathysdaylilies@yahoo.com
Hilton Garden Inn, 1702 Gornto Drive, Valdosta, Tel: 229-219-1011

Guest Speaker: Nikki Schmidt, American Hemerocallis Society President

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 19, 2017
8:00  Registration opens
9:00 – 4:00 Boutique and Plant Sales Open
8:00  Silent Auction Opens
9:00  Exhibition Judges Clinic I
9:00  Garden Judges Clinic I
11:30 – 1:00 Lunch on your own
1:00  Exhibition Judges Clinic II
1:00  Exhibition Judges Clinic III
1:00 – 4:30 Speaker Presentations (TBD)
5:00  Silent Auction Closes
6:30  Dinner at Bell’s/Auction

When making reservations at the Hilton Garden Inn
be sure to use the code “Valdosta Daylily Meeting” or “R5D”
to receive the discounted rate of $104.00
per night.

Each registrant will receive a recent daylily introduction,
minimum catalog value $100, with their registration packet

Register by March 31, 2017 and be eligible for drawing of a
catalog value of $500 in daylilies

Saturday, May 20, 2017
7:00  Registration
7:30  Bus departs
2:00  Bus returns
2:00  Boutique and Plant Sales Open
2:00  Silent Auction Opens
5:00  Silent Auction Closes
5:00  Social Hour
6:00  Dinner

Registration Fees:
Adult $99
Youth $59

Make checks payable to Valdosta Daylily Society
Mail checks and Registration form to:
Kathy Fowler at the above address

Registration Form:

1st Person__________________________________2nd Person__________________________________
Address:__________________________________City:____________________State:_______Zip Code:________
Indicate Judges Clinics or Workshops you will attend on Friday May 19, 2017 ($5 fee collected on site)
#_____Exhibition Judges Clinic 1 #_____Garden Judges Clinic 1
#_____Exhibition Judges Clinic II #_____Garden Judges Clinic 2
#_____Exhibition Judges Clinic III

Bring a copy of the Exhibition or Garden Judges Handbook with you. Available as download on the AHS
Portal as a PDF or you can order hardcopy from the AHS Portal Store.

Do you need handicapped facilities? Yes___No___. Do you have special dietary requirements? Yes___No___
Please give details if you answer is yes to either question.

# Adults @ $99_______  # Youth @ $59______  (Adult Fee is $125 after May 1, 2017)

The Georgia Daylily - Spring 2017
Very, very soon, May 19 and 20 to be precise, the Valdosta Hemerocallis Society will be hosting the 2017 Summer meeting. Spring Regionals are great for the opportunity to get together with old friends from around the state and beyond and to become acquainted with new enthusiasts just getting started on their daylily journey.

The schedule for the meeting can be found elsewhere in the newsletter, but to sum it up there will be fun, there will NOT be a Bus 2, Clinics galore, meet and greet with our AHS National President, two live auctions, two silent auctions, tour gardens, voting opportunities (only vote once), and did I say fun.

Tour Gardens

Bell’s Daylily Garden

While not technically a tour garden (not on Saturday’s tours), what would a visit to South Georgia be without a visit to Bell’s Daylily Garden? So, we will be having a dinner at the garden on Friday evening along with a Daylily Auction. A visit to the Bell garden is always a treat – and will be on May 19th.

KATHY’S DAYLILIES – Kathy (and Bruce) Fowler

“Little by little, day by day, friends and flowers grow that way.”

How did two people get so enthused over and involved in growing daylilies. We think, it was in our blood. Kathy’s mother always loved growing flowers and having a beautiful ard. Both parents shared growing daylilies and traveled the daylily trail, so to speak. They, like many of us bought daylilies over time. At one time, belonging to the Dublin Daylily Club in Dublin GA. Over time they acquired many daylilies from the Joiners of Savannah Ga, Canoochee Daylily Garden in Canoochee Ga. And a lovely lady, known as “Miss Peacock” of Twin City, Ga. On the other hand, Bruce’s mother and grandmother had the love of daylilies. Their daylilies came from many places, including Charles and Francis Busby. Soon two worlds, miles apart, became acquainted, fell in love and later became one. When their lives joined, so did many beautiful flowers from all over. Since Kathy retired before Bruce, she began a lovely garden. She traveled to buy more daylilies from the late Mr. Lane, Tim Bell of Bell’s Daylily Garden and numerous other hybridizers. She was hooked. Both line and sinker! She couldn’t get enough, the beds began to grow. When Bruce started to cut back at the greenhouses, his interest began to grow as well. Yes, even Bruce couldn’t get enough of the dazzling Daylily. Hybridizing wasn’t enough for him. With his background in farming, growing transplants in the greenhouses, and his UGA degree in Agriculture, his interest in what could be was set on fire. The gardens grew even more. He was not satisfied with just growing and hybridizing. He began to learn all he could and even began doing conversions. We now have 727 registered cultivars and around 3000 seedlings. After many years of working with the Daylily we have introduced our first daylily, Talquin’s First Lady. We now have 6 more which you will see at the Regional. Our dreams are to develop a daylily we consider worth of introduction and high quality. I truly hope that our friends and friends of friends, will be amazed at our gift that we want to share with you. Some wise words from some well-respected hybridizers left with us from the late Mr. Lane was “Baby, I put pretty on pretty. It might come out to be the ugliest thing you ever saw, or the most beautiful flower you could dream of.” Pete Harry said, “Everyone should try hybridizing at least once. I could explain it best, it’s like a child’s Christmas but for adults. You just can’t wait to see what a new flower looks like for the very first time.”
DAYLILIES IN THE TALIOKAS GARDEN

The garden of Becky and Freddie Potts.

Daylilies are often referred to as the perfect perennial, and we agree! We have more than 750 registered daylilies in stunning colors including near-whites, pastels, vivid red, pinks, crimsons, deep purple, as well as many brilliant blends. A favorite spot is the arbor at the entrance to our largest group of beds, which features a bench and a swing next to a koi pond with a waterfall. Japanese Maples and agapanthus, geraniums, and hydrangeas surround wrought iron signs with Bible verses throughout, and are appreciated by many. More daylily beds extend down the back of our home, with bird baths, bird houses, windmills, antique dinner bells are interwoven throughout as well as benches and tables for our visitors to sit and enjoy the beauty of God’s creation.

Grace and peace,

WYNN’S DAYLILY GARDEN – Mary and Gene Wynn

Growing up on a farm is something that never leaves your blood. Gene spent all of his childhood, and a good bit of his grown life, working on his family’s farm. His mother owned a small grocery store, and he helped there as well during his younger years. His love for gardening and flowers stemmed from the time spend with his Mama, watering plants and helping her tend to her flowers. As an adult, when he got married and had a home of his own, he was given things from his grandmother’s yard to grow at his new home. Azaleas and some old fashioned daylilies were among those things. Early in 2000, a co-worker said “Man, these ain’t your grandmother’s daylilies!” And so it began!

Wynn’s Daylily Garden is a family run business. Owned and operated by Gene and Mary Wynn with help from their daughter Jessica. Their daughter Mandi helps out when needed during busier months, along with Jessica’s husband Barry and her daughter Sonja Mae. Wynn’s Daylily Garden has one of the biggest selections of daylilies in North Central Florida, with over 1000 cultivars. Wynn’s begins each Spring with about 4500 daylilies for sale in 2 gallon pots; most are registered daylilies, and some are Jessica’s seedlings. While they began with mostly Bill Munson cultivars, they now grow plants from many hybridizers. They also host a number of companion plants such as hydrangeas, pansies, butterfly bushes, dianthus, snapdragons, caladiums, amaryllis, roses, and other various things nestled in and around their daylilies. All of this makes for a peaceful environment for birds and butterflies and all kinds of people as well. Most days during bloom season, you can find someone sitting under the gazebo or pergola just visiting. They have recently added a screened in building with tables and fans, in addition to picnic table for lunches and benches and swings scatter about to just sit and relax. Wynn’s has restrooms available and plenty of room for buses.

We hope that you are excited about this Spring Regional as we are!!

So please come and enjoy not only these beautiful gardens, but also the fellowship and friends that are part of being a daylily lover and enthusiast.
Showing daylilies – What Judges Are Looking For
by Joann Stewart

What do judges do when they go to a show?
They select the ‘best example’ of each name class and award it points toward ribbons.

To have the ‘best’
you need to think ahead and prepare- and that means REALLY thinking ahead.

September-October of the year before:
Weed, apply fertilizer and pre-emergent. (Why weed? Weeds rob nutrients and water from your daylilies.) Each fall, use a high first number NPK fertilizer to promote growth and increase the following year (i.e. use anything recommended for grass). Mulch if your soil tends to ‘throw up’ dirt during heavy rains.

February-March: Apply Fertilizer and pre-emergent. In the spring, apply higher second and third number (NPK) fertilizers to promote root and plant/bloom growth.

Early season preventions: when scapes first appear, begin spraying for thrips. (Leaf miners don’t necessarily detract at shows because few leaves show on exhibits.) Avid is a well-known systemic, but Neem Oil works well too. Do use a slug repellent if slugs love your garden, and keep your pets, kids, deer, armadillo, Round Up (don’t spray too close to clumps), runway lawn mowers, sports teams and/or pickup trucks out of your garden.

May – assess scape condition – and start training scapes where necessary.

(How do you train a scape? Spread peanut butter on your gloves and watch the scape lean toward it.) To train (seriously): GENTLY prop branches apart with something which won’t scar the scape: cotton balls, plastic peanuts, makeup sponges, etc. You can’t change the spacing between branches, but you can improve the appearance of the branches themselves with training.

Tip: if you use a granular fertilizer, stop applying once buds develop to avoid the risk of fertilizer lodging in the buds. Never risk burning plants by heavy applications of fertilizer.

1-2 Weeks before the show: walk the garden and make a list of potential show scapes. Some exhibitors make a ‘daily check’ spread sheet with names of cultivars and their locations. When assessing potential show scapes, check buds, and when training scapes, re-check scapes.

Start PRACTICING so by show time you can figure out how soon buds will open. (With practice, you can get very, very good at this.) If you’re having cool nights, having cut the scapes the day before and keeping them in a garage or outbuilding (with the lights on) may mean the difference between a bloom opening or not.

Make sure all your grooming equipment is in tip top shape (sharp scissors are a must, Exacto knife blades should be sharp), tweezers should be needlepointed or slanted. You’ll need Q-tips, and maybe Vaseline too, as well as a soft bristled brush. Make sure to have thick tape or several band aids on hand for your dominant hand thumb, as the most effective way to cut while grooming is TOWARD your thumb. Wrap before you cut! (After one cut, you’ll be so glad you wrapped that digit in tape, because blood is hard to get off a scrape!) If you’re new to shows, use scapes you won’t need for show day to practice grooming. The more you do it, the easier you’ll find it. And do practice!

Two days before the show: Irrigate.

Day before the show: Recheck scapes in the morning and make your final decision about what to cut. If you’re entering deep purple or reds, cut those, and take indoors (or out of the range of irrigation), then IRRIGATE. (If the parts of a plant (like bracts) are wet, they’re easier to groom and the entire scape can more easily be cleaned).

About 3-5 pm, cut the rest of the scapes for the show and start grooming. Save your back…. be sure to use a surface at a comfortable height. I prefer grooming indoors on my kitchen counter, but any place you can easily work with your scapes, and have enough room to lay them flat, is fine.

GROOM your best scapes first! This is the best advice you’ll ever get, and it’s free. If you have scapes which you think may be contenders for purples, DO THEM FIRST while you’re fresh and can pay attention to detail. Leave bud scar freshening till the day of the show, OR be sure to scrape those bud scars lightly again on show day to re-freshen them.

There is a video on the portal under Exhibitions showing how to groom for shows.

How to groom the day before: Trim your scape to conform to show schedule rules. If it grew shorter than it should, there are ways to compensate (and they’re legal!).

Remove any open blooms so you’re only dealing with the scape. Look for anything you can wash off: (pollen, stains, dirt, leaf debris) and use Q-tips or a wet sponge to clean. Remove aphids, spiders and webs. Ants and jumping spiders will hopefully move onto someone else’s exhibit before judging begins.

Trim back bracts IF they’re brown at the tips or entirely brown (much easier if the scape was
irrigated first). If trimming bracts and leaves, try to angle the cut so the tip is pointed. Look down into/behind a bract if you think you should remove it. Sometimes the area behind contains foreign matter (remove with tweezers), or is brown and unsightly. If the place where the bract joins the scape is brown, LIGHTLY scrape it with your fingernail. **Never cut bud 'stubs' back to the scape.** Leaving them on allows judges to know exact bud counts, and that might make the difference between two otherwise ‘exactly the same’ exhibits when judges are trying to assess ‘best’ in a name class.

Please DO NOT SCALP the scape: judges will count off points if you go below the green surface on a scape, leaving a visible white scar. (Don’t be tempted to color the white with a marker: your entry will be disqualified if you use artificial color.)

**Know when you can improve, and when it’s better to leave well enough alone.** It’s tempting to ‘scrape a scape’ when you see brown scab-like damage caused by slugs, but you rarely can improve slug damage. It’s better to NOT try to groom it at all and take the penalty points for condition than to make it worse by scraping at it. Light pollen sprinkles caused by motion during handling are fine. SMEARS of pollen where two scapes are fine. SMEARS of pollen where two scapes rubbed together should be cleaned up. Use the brush for pollen clean up, because Q-tips leave white cotton fibers.

Trim any brown-tipped leaf to a sharp point by cutting diagonally across the leaf (from both sides, doing a little at a time) with scissors. (You want the trimmed leaf to appear natural, so don’t cut it straight across – leave a point.) Trim bud scars with an Exacto knife – or scrape lightly with any knife (or your fingernail). After grooming, hold up the scape and assess it. If it has proliferations, and those don’t detract from the entry, leave them on.

**CHECK FOR COMPLETE BODY PARTS.** If you’re missing a pistil, if the pistil is split, anthers are missing or some are distorted, you should know this before you decide to enter it in a show. Most of these are small deductions, but always think ahead.

When you’re done grooming, you might (or might not) touch anything up you groomed with Vaseline (fully within the rules because it contains no color) so that it won’t appear dry the next day. You may still need to lightly scrape bud scars the next morning (if they need it), but mostly this ‘does it’. Vaseline is not colored, so it’s not against the rules. Why use it? If you groom the night before, some people think that Vaseline will help ‘seal’ cut bits and keep them from drying out (and showing as ‘white’). I’ve personally found that the Vaseline soaks in, and there’s no residue, and I use it where necessary. **IF** there is a Vaseline residue which is visible, judges will count off for it – so if you use it, don’t ‘glob’ it on. If you notice it the morning of the show, judges will too. Wipe it off during your final inspection in the grooming area at the show.

If the weather has been cold, scapes may be shorter than usual. Use a wedge-shaped makeup sponge to prop the scape into the container so the scape sits at the best height for bloom size or show schedule height (you may need to stuff it into the container with a pen.) Plastic peanuts or even small cut pieces from other scapes also will work for propping. (Your exhibit will not be judged below the container, so go for it.) Make sure your exhibit sits in the container nicely and is displayed to its best advantage. Judges will count off for scapes which lean unattractively, no matter how pretty the bloom. **WHY groom the day before?** If you groom the day before, you spend FAR less time at it, and there will be no damage to an open bloom. It also gives you the chance to assess the entire scape without the distraction of trying not to damage an open bloom. If you aren’t sure about the ‘ripeness’ of a bud, cut TWO scapes, groom both, then on the morning of the show select the one you prefer to enter.

**Rule of thumb:** if your scape requires a LOT of grooming, don’t even take it to the show. The best appearing scape, all other things being equal, is one with its first bud opened, with no visible blemishes – before grooming. If you had to work like a dog to make the scape presentable, it’s probably not going to win you any ribbons.

If your show has an off-scrape section, any scape which is more than half bloomed out might have the bloom cut and exhibited in that section. (You can get a blue ribbon in that show category, just not a purple.) If you have a NEW cultivar which you don’t want to cut – this may be the place to exhibit it.

**Day of the show:** take your scapes to the show, using the method which works best to prevent damage to scapes and blooms. Buckets with criss-crossed tape, foam pipe insulation, cut to fit a bucket, PCV pipes secured to the outer rim of a bucket, etc. There’s no one ‘best way’. You might try special scapes using Atlanta’s ‘own’ method” - laid flat in an oversize box, nestled in dry cleaning bags scrunched up to cushion the blooms. The portal has a video on shows, and of how some people choose to transport exhibits.

Take your exhibits to the grooming area and re-check for bloom and scape condition, correct name, and correct tag information, including show section. (BE SURE to remove any foreign objects, like the ‘whatever’ you used to train your scape.) Re-scrape any bud scars again to make them fresh and green.

Again, **DO NOT OVERGROOM.** Point deduction-wise, if there’s a fault which can’t easily be corrected, trying to cut it out, scrape it off, etc. will make things much worse for you. A condition fault may be ½-2 points. Overgrooming may cost you 3-5 (or more) points.

**Multiple blooms:** **judges will point score the worst bloom.** If your entry has 2 or more blooms open, and they’re not ALL A+ quality, it may be better for you to remove 1 or more blooms. That’s one of the hardest things for exhibitors to do, but it will result in a higher scoring exhibit.

**Buds:** if they DISTORT the bloom, remove them. Simply ‘touching’ is okay – but let there be no doubt in your mind that the bloom form isn’t changed. It’s better to remove a doubtful bud and leave the obvious bud scar than to take a chance that the judges will see ‘interference’ and count off points.

Hand entry into classification.

Go get a drink (alcohol optional).

**Show time:** your entry will be judged by a panel of three trained judges. At least two will be senior judges with experience. One may or may not be a junior judge, with no one or several shows under their belts (if they’ve no experience judging, a junior judge is typically FAR harder on exhibits than more experienced judges). Either way, all judges have been trained to look critically at exhibits to ascertain the ‘best’ exhibit in each class and a panel of three tends to ‘even out’ individual extremes in point scoring.
Showing daylilies (continued)

By Joann Stewart

When the panel of judges get to your exhibit, they first do a visual check on the name class, which may have 1-2-3-4-5-6-7 entries. (Or 1 entry). They will select the most likely ‘top’ entry (best size and height typical for that cultivar, best color, best ‘something’. They’ll be looking for the exhibit which most closely approaches ‘grown to perfection’.

They will (probably vocally to each other – and within hearing of the clerks) critically assess and point score grooming, looking for things which COULD HAVE BEEN CORRECTED ‘right then’: light scape grooming, bract removal, freshening of bud scars, etc.. They will also look for resident insects (not transitory ones), pollen smears (not light dusting, which is okay), leaves groomed to a point if ends are brown. Scape will be affected by the weather (especially drought or storms with hail), but will also be affected greatly by the ‘way you grow’. That’s where plenty of water and judicious amounts of fertilizer the year before and/or EARLY in the season may give you the edge over competitors.

Penalty points in grooming and condition: - MOST point penalties are things which could have been corrected: bracts not removed; bud scars not freshened; uncleaned stains from spent blooms, spray residue not removed, seed pods or ends of blooms left on, resident insects. Beware spider webs! Beware the little black ‘bathroom bits’ from insects which may have visited and left! Overgrooming of scape (white marks left by attempt to remove slug damage or other evidence of excessive grooming will have heavy penalties). Judges will then examine the scape/exhibit for the other portions of the point scoring scale, some of which will have been affected by your cultivation before the show. BY FAR, condition and grooming occupies the most time, and counts for the most points in judging.

How to display your scape:
You’ll be using a club display of some kind for your exhibit: bottle or vase, you want it to appear to its best advantage. If your show schedule asks you to present scapes at about 24” (or 30, or 34) – try to ensure your exhibit isn’t taller than that maximum, and isn’t so short that it barely peeps over the rim of the container. You can use cut pieces of scape to wedge in the vase (judges can’t judge anything below the rim of the container, so you can use plastic peanuts, cotton balls – even toilet tissue – it doesn’t matter). Use your head: if the exhibit is a mini which grows at 16”, don’t try to make it appear to grow at 34” - it will just look silly. On the other hand, if the bloom is extra large at 8½”, you don’t want the scape to appear to grow at 12”.

Shooting fish in a barrel – in addition to excellent growing and grooming, what might give you the edge in shows:

A. Let the air out of the tires of your closest competitors.

B. The newest: You must grow an exhibit for at least 6 months before exhibiting it, and a cultivar must be on the AHS database to be in the show. The solution is to obtain-in the autumn- newer things on the market which already appear in the AHS database (typically something from a spring or better –fall- collection of the year before) and grows them, then cut and prepare the scape for exhibit. If you’re not prepared to cut your scape, consider taking off an open bloom and showing that in the off-scape section of a show.

C. The most ancient: Show something so old that most growers no longer even have it in their gardens. Many a show has been won with a cultivar introduced before some of the younger competitors are born.

D. The most obscure (can be cultivar or hybridizer): Show something obscure which you’ve gotten from an ‘out of region garden’ (i.e. no one else around here grows it)– or from a hybridizer who is so unknown in your region that it’s unlikely that anyone else grows it. Judges must assume the scape they see is correct for its name class, and if you’re the only one exhibiting it, and it’s in prime condition, you’re likely to receive a purple for it.

Above all, HAVE FUN! That way you win with ribbons or without.
Having a greenhouse on the surface would seem to be a wonderful addition to ones hybridizing program

If you live in a climate that you cannot get from seed to bloom in 10 months. You need this time frame to allow for the storing of seed in a cold climate for stratification (refrigerator) for a month, which is in my opinion the shortest period to stratify your seeds.

If you are thinking about getting a greenhouse one of the first things you need to decide is what size you want. You will need to consider how much work and cost you plan on having. Greenhouses take work and maintenance. Costs of heating and cooling, plus the additional costs of soil, pots, tables, fertilizer for your plants.

I have copied many methods used by other hybridizers in their greenhouse. Lee Pickles a well-known hybridizer is my mentor. I have copied many of my methods from him. Tommy Maddox has also been a big influence.

I plant all my new seedlings in water beds of between ½” to 1” of water in raised beds, which helps my back tremendously. I control fungus knats by using “Bayer Tree and Shrub” granular insecticide. I also have used “yellow” sticky plastic sheets laid DIRECTLY on a pot to remove any remainder.

My greenhouse is 20ft x 54ft and can hold two 4ft x 8ft tables of parents that I will be using for the upcoming season planted in 3 gallon pots. Along with those two tables, I have 12 tables that hold about 1200 seedlings planted in trade 1 gallon pots.

I also have seed incubator which greatly increases my percentage of germination. I can approach 90-95%. The incubator has heating mats that are controlled at 78 degrees thru germination. With regular watering I see germination starting in 5-7 days. Seeds are planted with Fafard germinating mix, in 4” tree trays one per tray and are kept there for one month before planting in the trade gallon pots. At times, I add a diluted liquid fertilizer to increase growth of the seedlings.

Soil media for the pots is about 55% pine fines, 15% aged mushroom compost, 25% Sungrow 852 Rsi MetroMix, 3-5% Perlite. The above media is mixed in an cement mixer about 2 minutes or until fully mixed. Extended life 8-10 month fertilizer, Milorganite, Epsom salts, and the Bayer granules mentioned above when planting the 1 month old seedlings. These are now planted directly in the water beds. Overhead watering is done by hand until seedlings are 3-4 months old and then just refilling the water beds to 1” every other day or so is best. I do a little overhead watering on occasion. I did some additional testing this year and put up a little lawn fertilizer on the 2-3 month old seedlings and it gives increased growth.

Temperature of the greenhouse is limited to 60 degrees at night to 95 degrees during the day. This is controlled by exhaust fans and gas heater (I use natural gas), temperature dropping below 60 even just to 55 causes plants to suffer and I don’t have gas. I don’t have any water coolers that some other hybridizers have for summer cooling, but I don’t feel I need it. Overhead fans run 24 hours a day to keep the air moving over and through the foliage.

One thing you will need to do on a very regular basis is check for bugs and rust. Aphids, and spider mites are your biggest concern. If you aren’t not used to spider mites, you can observe their damage on the undersides of leaves. Using Youtube.com videos can really help someone learn what to look for and how to control them. You WILL get them, so you need to stop them. One spider mite can turn into 1 million in only 1 month.

You will be just amazed and the plant growth in the greenhouse. It does seem that the small seedlings take time to get going, but once they do you can observe quite a bit of change every week. Taking pictures once a month will prove to you the changes. I have found a little Rust in my greenhouse during this winter and have been spraying those areas on a regular basis. I did spray all the plants the first time I saw any rust. I try to only spray for rust in the areas that it has shown its ugly head.

If you are somewhat a handyman doing the maintenance work yourself is much more cost effective than hiring someone but it does take time. This past summer I had birds make a nest in my heater. What a pain. Make sure you clean your heater each fall before starting them up. I do all my own work in the greenhouse and I am constantly tinkering on better methods but you don’t have to do this.

To monitoring temperature in the greenhouse I use a software package from La Crosse that sends the temperature through my wireless router to their home site and if the temperature goes over or under my set limits it sends me a text and email. It sure does help in lessening my stress and worry when I go out of town or have very cold nights.
Having a greenhouse really helps a hybridizer get a better focus on their goals. Since you only have a very limited space you must choose what direction you want to go in. Lee Pickles only has reds, going into his greenhouse during bloom it is just overwhelming. When you have that focus, you can obtain much more progress in your lines in a very short period of time.

Bloom and setting seed are much, much easier in the temperature controlled greenhouse. During bloom season during seed set, I have the high temperature set at 85 degrees before the exhaust fans take over and replace the hot air. Seed set in this controlled environment is very easy. I usually see at least 50-75% seed setting which can get you really focused in your program. You can produce a HUGE amount of seed if you aren’t careful though.

Coming into the greenhouse on those cold winter mornings can be very therapeutic. Being in a warm environment and seeing all those large green seedlings is refreshing. Using the above methods, you should see between 50 and 75% bloom on the seedlings in 10 months.

I hope you enjoyed learning what I do in my greenhouse. If you are in the area and would like to see what’s happening, give me a call. We all like to show off.
Tom Wise Award Guidelines
nomination deadline August 1, 2017

Purpose: This award is named for the late Tom Wise from Savannah in honor of his unselfish and behind the scenes work he did for his club and region and to honor a member of Region 5 AHS who has served the Region significantly, but in a quiet manner. The nominee must be a person who can always be depended upon, yet never seeks the limelight.

Rules:
1. The award may be given each year, but does not have to be given at all.
2. When given, the presentation will be made at the Fall meeting.
3. A person may receive the award only one time.
4. Any active Region 5 member may submit a recommendation of any person within the region for consideration. A dual award for two members of the same family counts as one award.
5. The nominee must be an active Region 5 AHS member.
6. The Region 5 Awards Liaison selects an awards committee and uses a standard format to evaluate all nominations. This committee makes the final selection.
7. The award is to be in the form of a medallion.
8. Recommendations must be sent to the Tom Wise Award Chairperson by August 1. The person submitting the nomination should list the reasons why he or she feels the nominee should receive this award. The recommendation needs to include information of how the nominee has performed unselfish service to club and regional activities. There is no limit on the number of words.

Please mail or e-mail your nomination to:
Tim Herrington, Region 5 Awards Liaison
1617 Bellevue Road
Dublin, GA 31021 or herringtontim@bellsouth.net.

Tom Wise Award Past Recipients:
1998- Barbara and Morris Kirby
1999- Carolyn Heath
2000 Francis Gray
2001 Edward McDowell, Jr.
2002 Jim Saddler
2003 Ruth Killingsworth
2004 Diane Joiner
2005 Joe Watson
2006 Martha Fawcett
2007 Dixie Ayers
2008 B.J. and Ed Achord
2009 Ann McWilliams
2010 Vernon Johnson
2011 Claude Carpenter
2012 J.K., Lynda, Michael Hines
2013 Billye and Sandy Campbell
2014 Rose Mary Dixon
2015 Jackie Nicholson
2016 Mike and Deborah Curlin

2017 AHS Exhibitions Handbook

The AHS Exhibitions Handbook is the complete guide for conducting and judging Daylily Shows. It is the primary document for all AHS Judges and for those hosting Daylily Shows. It is also the basis for all judges training materials and for instructors.

PDF copies of this document for printing and for computer viewing can be downloaded from the AHS Portal in the AHS Exhibition Judges section. Links to PowerPoint & Video presentations that overview the changes made to the 2017 Exhibitions Handbook are also located in this same area in the AHS Exhibition Judges section. You can also purchase a printed copy of this document in the AHS Portal Store.
The daylily bloom season lasts only a few weeks and as daylily gardeners we love to remember how beautiful our garden and flowers were during their peak. Many of us are using the great advances in photographic technology to capture the beauty of our gardens and we are sharing our photography with our friends by posting on Facebook, websites, PowerPoint presentations and email throughout the rest of the year. This is the first of three articles I plan to publish in The Georgia Daylily over the next three issues. In this issue I will focus on best techniques for capturing the beauty of our flowers and landscapes regardless of which camera we use. The second article will deal with the various levels of camera technology that is currently available and in the third article I will cover the best practices for editing and storing the images that we capture.

Do not think you have to have the latest high end camera to capture good photos. The technology built into the latest cell phone camera and point and shoot camera is beyond that of high end cameras a few years ago. I have seen some really good garden photos taken with cell phones and point and shoot cameras. High end cameras and lenses certainly gives the experienced photographer better advantages, however, the advice I will offer in this article is more on technique and applies no matter the equipment you are using.

Light and illumination are the basics of photography. The very word “photography” comes from two Greek words, phos meaning light, and graphis meaning drawing. Hence, photography can be described as “drawing with light”. Photography is about capturing light and recording it, whether on paper, or more frequently now, in a digital format. As a photographer, you control the amount, intensity and duration of light required to create the picture.

The time of day and the amount of cloud overcast are very important in capturing good pictures in the garden. For the daylily garden, the first hour after sunrise is usually the very best time to photograph your flowers. In photography, the golden hour (sometimes known as magic hour, especially in photography) is a period shortly after sunrise or before sunset during which daylight is redder and softer than when the Sun is higher in the sky. The hour before sunset is not usually the best time photographing daylilies since the blooms are usually damaged by the sun rays and are not at their peak at the end of the day.

The second best time is when there is an overcast sky. If you've ever tried to take pictures at noon on a sunny day, you know how difficult it can be to return home with more than a handful of good shots. That's because there's just way too much dynamic range on bright days—the shadows are too black, and the highlights are too bright. You end up with pictures that lack detail in the shadows and have completely burned out hotspots where there ought to be beautiful highlights. Taking pictures at noon on a cloudy day is another story. Much like a professional softbox kit, the clouds take that bright light source and diffuse it, so there isn't any direct light falling on anything in the scene. This creates a soft, even light that flatters almost any subject. You'll get fully-detailed shadows and highlights that have beautiful tones rather than glaring hotspots.

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One objective to start with is to picture the garden as a whole. Establishing the shot sets the scene. First capture scenes that include a number of elements of the garden. You will get to the individual elements later but the initial step is to look at the garden as a collection of elements.

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legitimate but in most cases you’ll probably want to remove them from your image unless they in some way enhance your shot. There are a number of options open to you if you want to remove distractive elements from your photos:

- Move them – some distractions can be moved pretty easily so that they’re not in your frame, however, if you are in someone else’s garden do not move anything without the owner’s permission.
- move yourself – find a new angle to shoot from that has a less distracting background
- crop them out – go for a tighter framing of the flower either by using a zoom or moving physically closer to it or you may be able to crop them out in post processing
- Use aperture to narrow depth of field – if you choose a wider aperture (small numbers) you’ll decrease the depth of field. As you do this you make elements in the foreground and background more and more out of focus. (controlling the aperture may not be available on cell phones and some point and shoot cameras)
- Move your subject – do not consider this if you are in someone else’s garden. When in your garden, you may want to hold another scape or plant away from the subject while photographing.

Identify a focal point. As in all types of photography you need to think about where you want your photo viewer’s eye to be drawn to some element within the photo. Consider setting it off center using the rule of thirds – but do find something in your frame that will grab your viewer’s eye and carefully think about how to position it.

Great photos can sometimes be created in the abstract. Going in extra close and focusing in on a part of the flower can create wonderful and unusual images that take on an abstract quality. Look for contrasting colors, patterns and textures. Sharp focus is important in all forms of photography but in flower photography it is crucial and even a tiny adjustment can have massive implications for your shot as the depth of field is sometimes very small. In macro photography your depth of field is a game of millimeters so attention to detail in focusing is something to be worked upon.

Identify the point of interest that you want to be in focus and then work hard to ensure that it’s as sharp as possible. This can be a real challenge, especially outdoors on breezy days where you’ll probably end up taking a lot of images and relying on luck to some degree! You can improve your ‘luck’ a little by shielding them from wind or just choosing to do your photography on a still day.

Ideally your subject will be beautifully lit without you needing to offer any assistance, however the world of outdoor macro photography is often far from ideal and there might be a need to intervene with either artificial light or some kind of reflector.

Using a flash is something to experiment with. Generally you’ll find that direct flash on automatic mode might wash photos out a little so consider using a flash diffuser and/or bouncing your flash off another object. I find that the more subtle and indirect the flash is the more natural your shots will look.

Reflectors can also be handy in shooting flowers as they give a nice, natural, diffused light into areas of your subject that might not be getting natural sunlight. Experiment with different colored reflectors as they can really impact the colors in your shot.

Point and Shoot Cameras – if you’re shooting with a point and shoot camera with no interchangeable lenses you’ll obviously have fewer options. You may have the ability to switch your camera into macro mode (which will allow you to focus a little closer and will tell the camera to use a large aperture giving you a shallow depth of field). Some point and shoot cameras do have the option of a macro lens attachment also to allow closer focusing (see your owner’s manual).

DSLRs – if you have a camera that allows interchangeable lenses you might like to consider buying a macro lens. Most of the major camera manufacturers offer a range of them. For example Nikon and Canon offers a number including ones at focal lengths of 50mm, 60mm, 100mm (the one I own), 180mm etc. Each will have its own specifications and strengths (do some careful research before buying). Obviously a shorter focal length means you need to get physically closer to your subject to really hone in on your subject while longer ones allow you to shoot from further back (helpful when photographing insects).
From Super Bowl Fan to Daylily Fan
by Tim Herrington

In 1969 I was a BIG football fan and was glued to the TV when Jets quarterback Joe Namath went out and led his team to a Super Bowl victory over a Baltimore team who I thought had the greatest quarterback of all time, Johnny Unitas. I was in mourning a few days after my Colts team had lost the BIG game. Now in 2017, I have progressed to a BIG daylily fan. February 5, 2017, in Georgia will go down as a day in infamy for the Atlanta Falcons as they lost the Super Bowl to a Yankee team called the New England Patriots by a score of 34 to 28. This lost was just as shocking as when Sherman came marching through Georgia in 1864. That Sunday I worked in my garden since it was warm and ordered some daylilies from a daylily nursery. I didn’t see my neighbor Champ Bailey, who was a Falcons Fan, until Wednesday for his wife told me he had been with our local grief counselor for 2 days. Since he had a mild nervous breakdown and on his wife and Doctor’s advice, Champ is now becoming a new daylily fan now and turning his back yard into a flower and vegetable garden. I consulted the For Dummies series to educate Champ by translating football terms he would understand into daylily terms for him to get familiar with. Without further ado, here is your guide to the Super Bowl of Daylily Gardening............

**Down:** A period of action that starts when the ball is put into play and ends when the ball is ruled dead (meaning that the play is completed).

**Down:** A period of time known as winter. Daylily Gardening down time.

**End zone:** A 10-yard-long area at both ends of the field — the promised land for a football player.

**End zone:** The only zone in which you can’t grow a thing. We garden in zone 8a thank goodness.

**Extra point:** A kick, worth one point, that’s typically attempted after every touchdown.

**Extra point:** When you plant one fan in the fall, and two come up in the spring.

**Football Fan:** A person who supports and is devoted to the game of football.

**Daylily Fan:** An individual unit of a clump, containing leaves, crown, and roots. Within a clump, each fan is genetically identical to the parent.

**Field goal:** A kick, worth three points, that can be attempted from anywhere on the field but usually is attempted within 40 yards of the goalpost.

**Field goal:** The goal of having a daylily garden as big as a football field.

**Fumble:** The act of losing possession of the ball while running with it or being tackled.

**Fumble:** The act of losing possession of a fan after you dug a clump and divided it into 12 fans to replant..

**Hash marks:** The lines on the center of the field that signify 1 yard on the field.

**Hash marks:** The indentations left on your knees after pulling weeds all day.

**Interception:** A pass that’s caught by a defensive player, ending the offense’s possession of the ball.

**Interception:** The small seedlings saved by a defensive gardener who figures out clever ways to outsmart the chipmunks from digging them up.

**Kickoff:** A free kick that puts the ball into play.

**Kickoff:** Also referred to as ‘Spring.’

**Punt:** A kick made when a player drops the ball and kicks it while it falls toward his foot.

**Punt:** A kick made when a hybridizer drops a handful of daylily seeds and tries desperately to keep them from hitting the ground.

**Return:** The act of receiving a kick or punt and running toward the opponent’s goal line with the intent of scoring or gaining significant yardage.

**Return:** The act of returning to the garden center again and again because you simply can’t help yourself.

**Sack:** When a defensive player tackles the quarterback behind the line of scrimmage for a loss of yardage.
**Sack:** A great place to store and dry last year’s seed pods.

**Snap:** The action in which the ball is hiked (tossed between the legs) by the center to the quarterback, to the holder on a kick attempt, or to the punter.

**Snap:** The sound a daylily gardener’s neck makes, when she or he realizes that what she or he just brushed off their shoulder, has six furry legs. A snap may also warrant a trip to the chiropractor.

**Touchdown:** A score, worth six points, that occurs when a player in possession of the ball crosses the plane of the opponent’s goal line, or when a player catches the ball while in the opponent’s end zone, or when a defensive player recovers a loose ball in the opponent’s end zone.

**Touchdown:** When you brush your hand down across the surface of a scape to clean any debris off of in preparing and cleaning it to enter it in a daylily show.

**Turnover:** When, with either a fumble or an interception, one team loses possession of the football to the other.

**Turnover:** After a full day in your daylily garden, one wants to enjoy a hot cup of tea and an apple turnover. Yum Yum!

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**Junior Citation Awards**

The award was established in 1950 to focus attention on new cultivars that appear to have outstanding qualities and distinction. It should be understood that this award does not necessarily imply good performance in various climates and soil types. In order to win, a cultivar may not have been registered prior to September 1 of the voting year. Garden Judges must cast their votes only for cultivars personally observed growing in a garden. Votes are cast using a seedling number. It must receive a minimum of 10 votes. Once a Junior Citation has been voted the hybridizer has one of two options: 1) to take the award for the current year, in which case the cultivar must be registered by November 1st of the current year, or to 2) defer the award for one year in which case registration must take place by September 1st of the following year.

Scott Elliott has four seedlings in 2016 to gather enough votes by Garden Judges to be awarded Junior Citations. These were registered as “867-53 Oh Nine”, “Just Call Barbara”, “QEThree”, and Sparkle Britches.”
# 2017 Region 5 Exhibition Judges

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*Golden Raintree, hybridized by Tim Herrington*
*Photo by Claude Carpenter*

*Lillian’s Vapor Trail, hybridized by Manning*
*Photo by Claude Carpenter*

*Wayne and Coral’s Love*
*hybridized by Jim Netherland*
*Photo by Claude Carpenter*
2017 Region 5 Popularity Poll Ballot

Select your favorite daylilies (up to 10) from the list below. Vote for daylilies that you have observed in your garden or immediate area. If your favorites are not on the list, you may write in up to 5 daylilies in the space provided under write-in votes. Please check the box to the left of the daylily. You MUST be an AHS member to vote. (Remember to vote for only 10)

The Popularity Poll is intended to be an individual's own personal vote for the member’s favorite daylilies. Independent voting ensures each member’s vote will carry equal weight in choosing the Region's most popular daylilies. Group voting and other activities which influence the poll’s outcome are not allowed and may result in those ballots not being counted.

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Ballot must be post marked not later than 9/1/2017
Please mail to: David Bisop
35 Northwoods Drive
Cartersville, GA 30121

Home Club:__________________________________
Must be filled in to be eligible for club and region incentives
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You can also vote online at www.daylilies.org or you can download a ballot from: www.ahsregion5.org or Region 5 facebook page.
Albany Hemerocallis Society

Club Reporter: Toni Pickel

We are excited for the upcoming events, and invite everyone to attend one of our meetings if you are in the area, we meet every third Saturday at Phoebe East, 2410 Sylvester Road, Albany, at 12 Noon.

The Albany Club elected new slate of officers in our December meeting, to start January 2017:

President- Tony Guarnieri
Vice President - Kaye Fearneyhough
Secretary/Report - Toni Pickel
Treasurer - Patricia Guarnieri
Speaker/Activity Chairman: Jim Netherton

January 2017

We had a wonderful New Year’s Celebration with Club members and a potluck lunch and great fellowship. Had one new club member register and pay their dues. Our guest speaker was Mr. Winfred Huff, who delighted everyone with his presentation of his gardens and plants he brought for Auction. We had several members who also brought daylilies for auction, thank you to those members! Tim Bell was our gracious host as auctioneer. Fun was had by all, even though we had to “hurry up” due to bad weather coming in.

February 2017

We celebrated the month of love by having a potluck lunch, fellowship, and having Tim Bell, Bell’s Daylily Garden, as our guest speaker, who brought in some of his 2016 and 2017 introductions for auction. Tim served as auctioneer and gave everyone plenty of helpful advice on what we need to be doing in our own gardens this time of year so that we may one day all have big daylilies like he does. Kaye Fearneyhough brought plants for auction as well. We are always so thankful for our members who bring plants for auction! Everyone said this was the best meeting in some time!

Central Georgia Daylily Club

Club Reporter: Anne Weathers

Our club meets at Hopewell United Methodist Church in Milledgeville, GA on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 PM. On occasion, we meet at a member’s home or schedule a field trip in lieu of a regular meeting. Each meeting starts with a covered dish meal and includes door prizes.

Our first meeting of the year was on February 22, 2017 and our guest speaker was Winfred Huff of Backyard Daylily gardens in Hawkinsville. We were wowed by the striking beauty of his 2017 introductions. He explained what the term “polynumerous” daylilies meant and illustrated them in slides. For some of us it was a new and exciting concept. Mr. Huff also revealed the stories behind the naming of each of his introductions.

Following Mr. Huff’s presentation, ten of his 2017 were auctioned off. We greatly appreciated the Huffs’ generosity in offering these beautiful plants. We also thank Jack and Becky Brock who offered some of their lovely plants for auction.

In the business meeting portion the upcoming daylily show in Milledgeville was discussed. It was the consensus the Milledgeville Mall would be the preferred site.

Our March 21st speaker will be our good friend Chip Wood who is the president of the Dublin Hemerocallis Society. He will discuss how to prepare a daylily bed and the best fertilizers to use

We are up and running with a big year ahead. We invite members of other clubs to come to our meetings, enjoy the speakers, good food and good company.

Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society

Club Reporter: Glenn Ward
http://cvds.8k.mysite.com/

We would like to invite everybody to attend our club meetings, which are held on the 1st Saturday of every other month (Jan, March, May, July, Sept., & Nov.) except when the meeting date falls on a holiday weekend, AHS Region 5 meeting or AHS National Convention date, at which then we meet the following weekend. Our meetings are now being held at the Columbus Botanical Garden, 3603 Weems Rd., Columbus, GA.

Our January meeting was canceled due to bad weather, but we have an exciting program planed for our March meeting. Barbara Kirby will be our speaker and she will be explaining the new rule changes to the new AHS Exhibition Judges Handbook. The AHS Exhibition Judges Handbook has completely been rewritten. These new rule changes will affect the way accredited daylily shows are judged. One of the many rule changes will be that now, there will not only be an official Spider and Unusual Form list, but now there will be an official Doubles list.

The rule changes not only will affect judges, but also exhibitor’s entries that are entered in shows. There are a few things that judges previously penalized exhibitor’s entries for, that will no longer be considered as faults. Now, only the Classification Chairman can disqualify an entry. These changes, as well as numerous others will ultimately affect the overall outcome of judged exhibits in shows. For a list of all rule changes, go to the AHS official website and search for Judges Exhibition Handbook.

Things are really shaping up for our Daylily Festival at the Columbus Botanical Garden on June 3rd. There will not only be an accredited daylily show, but there will be many plant venders as well as garden art. We will also have musicians playing at various times during the event as well.
Club Reports

One of the most visited events we had last year at the Daylily Festival was two clinics we had for visitors at the festival. These clinics were put on by Glenn & Lonnie Ward, who are well known hybridizers. The clinics included (1) The care and fertilization of daylilies, (2) dividing daylilies and when this should be done, (3) best growing condition of daylilies, (4) how to pollinate daylilies and when to harvest the seeds, (5) the various forms and colors of daylilies, (6) the differences between diploids and tetraploids, (7) different daylilies bloom at different times and those daylilies that repeat bloom, etc. These two classes drew more than twice the number of people we had anticipated. Each class had anywhere from 20-30+ people in attendance.

Larry Miller (Daylily Festival Chairman) and Camille Mitchell (Daylily Show Chairman) have both worked very hard to make sure this event is a big success. Each year we have had a big increase in attendance to the festival, as well as the number of entries in our show.

We look forward to another successful daylily festival and we invite all of you to attend as a visitor or an exhibitor in our show.

Cobb County Daylily Society
Reporter: Diana Waldrop

Our meetings are held on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in Room 256 at the First United Methodist Church, 56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta, Georgia. All Visitors are welcome.

Our first meeting of the year was held on February 12, 2017, in our new meeting room at the Church. It is much larger and much easier to socialize with friends and enjoy our delicious food. We invited David Arthur to speak to our group on Garden Preparation for the 2017 Daylily Show. David told us about his insect spraying, fertilizing and watering program which helped him grow first class daylilies. He also encouraged everyone to enter at least one daylily in our Show on June 3rd. Our Guest Speaker was one of our members, Rita Buehner. Rita is a Beekeeper and her program was about the importance of Bees and other Pollinators in our gardens. She had an excellent program and we all enjoyed it.

We are looking forward to Pete Harry, Hybridizer from Florida, speaking to our club members on March 26th. Pete will speak to the Northwest Georgia Club on March 25th. He will bring some of his daylilies for auction. When we took our Bus Trip to Florida in May of 2016, we were fortunate to stop by Pete’s daylily garden for a visit. He grows some beautiful daylilies and we are looking forward to his program and the auction.

In April, Jim Mullins will speak to us about getting ready for the Daylily Show and how to prepare for it. On May 25th we will have Breakfast at Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens. In addition to great food, we will be given instructions on how to groom our daylilies and we will also learn how to enter excellent Designs for the Show.

We are looking forward to a great Spring and Summer growing our beautiful daylilies.

Middle Georgia Daylily Society

Club Reporter: Winfred Huff

Middle Georgia Daylily folks are waiting, like all the other club members are, for Spring or Summer to show its true colors. The weather here in Middle Georgia has been fickle to say the least. It’s warm one day, cool the next, and then cold. Then like a cycle of uncertainty, the weather pattern mimics itself. I wonder what the daylilies must be thinking right about now: “Should I show myself, or should I wait?” As we await the colors of spring and summer to put on their show, here is the latest club news from our Middle Georgia club.

Since our last info feed, we have had Will Marchant of Druid City Daylily Garden to visit us and show off his newest introductions.

Following him, Nicole Devito came to promote her latest cultivars and seedlings, and to auction off some of her beauties.

In the near future we have a cavalcade of hybridizers who will pay our quaint little club a visit. March 18th, Pete Harry will bring his newest introductions to our club. He will be followed by Charles and Heidi Douglas from “Browns Ferry Garden Garden.” We look forward to both of them coming.

Then we look forward to our Daylily Show held at the Centerville Galleria Mall on May 27th.

And again this year we will have our mini Mecca and picnic on May 29th.

Our meetings are held at the Centerville Lion’s Club in Centerville, Georgia on scheduled Saturdays at noon. Join us for some great fun.
Club Reports

Dublin Hemerocallis Society

Club Reporter: Tim Herrington

Officers for the Dublin Hemerocallis Society are:
Roy (Chip) Wood, President
Mike Curlin, Vice President
Earnest Yearwood, Secretary
Jack Joiner, Treasurer

The club was so sad to lose Ruth Killingworth on January 4th. She had been a member since 1983 and was very active in all club activities and Region 5. She loved all daylilies and had a special affection for spiders. She will indeed be missed.

In January Tim Herrington presented a program on distinction and Hans Herrington presented a short program in memory of Ruth Killingsworth. Chip Wood announced that the annual Daylily Show will be held on June 3rd at the Dublin Mall.

The members were delighted to have Jan Joiner present the February program. Her program was on moving Joiner Gardens from Savannah to Pembroke. The program was concluded with an auction of Joiner daylilies.

At the Christmas meeting gifts were exchanged, James Fennell read the Christmas story, Joe Watson played the piano and everyone sang carols, and Jack Brock brought gift plants for everyone.

Pictured at the February meeting are (front row L-R) Becky Brock, Earnest Yearwood, Jan Joiner, Joe Watson, Emily Wood, and Lana Lott. (Middle Row L-R) Pat Mercer, Diane Joiner, Kay Sheppard, Jack Brock, Janet Watson, Brenda Briley, and Louise Fennell. (Back Row L-R) Monique Mixon, Jack Joiner, Mike Curlin, Bill Sheppard, Chip Wood, Chris Wood, James Fennell, Thomas Fuller and Joe Copeland.

North Georgia Daylily Society

Club Reporter:

The North Georgia Daylily Society is looking forward to our participation in the Hall County Master Gardeners Spring Expo plant sale April 7th and 8th. This is our club's largest fundraiser of the year. We appreciate all of our members for pitching in and working at the sales booth and working hard to dig and prepare daylilies for the sale. It's great to see repeat customers from years past stop by to purchase more daylilies and let us know how well their previous purchases are doing and how much they have enjoyed them. It's also a good time to educate the public on daylilies, planting and growing techniques, local sales gardens, our club, and the AHS.

Our show will be held again at the State Botanical Garden in Athens on Saturday, June 3rd. It's such a beautiful location and we are very appreciative that officials there are excited to have our club's flower show at their facility. We are looking forward to a beautiful show, judges luncheon, and a day with our daylily friends.

The club is looking forward to an upcoming plant swap and our annual daylily auction. Any day that we can get more daylilies is a good day, especially when they are free, using MAP points gained from attending meetings and club functions, working at sales, and donating plants.

Our one and only youth member, Parker McAllum, age twelve, recently made a trip with his parents to visit Tim, Heather, and Hans Herrington in Dublin, to purchase some of Tim's flowers. They learned some new fertilizing and growing tips and Parker is looking forward to growing Tim's awesome daylilies.

Hoping everyone has a great growing season this year, and an opportunity to obtain more daylilies!

Visit us at northgeorgiadaylilysociety.com to see our upcoming events and meeting schedule. As always, everyone is welcome at our meetings and club functions. Hope to see you there, and bring a friend!
Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta

Reporter: Felicity O’Neal

All of our upcoming events for 2017 are posted on our web site at atlantadaylily.org, along with our latest newsletter.

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The first General Meeting of 2017 was held on 25th February. It was a “Chili” luncheon. Claude Carpenter gave a superb tour of the AHS portal, in the Educational segment of the meeting, which to some of us can be a giant maze. He helped tremendously in unraveling some the secrets of the web site. Thank you Claude.

Our main speaker of the day was Joann Stewart, who is the Region 5 Exhibition Judges Liaison. Joann gave us an excellent insight into what show judges are looking for in a particular flower in order to present it with an award. A very interesting and revealing presentation, which enlightened most of the club members. Thank you Joann for your time and especially the long drive from Watkinsville!

We will be holding our Annual Daylily Show on the 10th June at the Old Atlanta Recreational Center in Forsyth County, located at 810 Nichols Road, on the left, opposite Lambert High School. Our Show Chair for the event is Claude Carpenter, he can be reached at claudecarpenter@comcast.net if anyone has any questions.

The Club is planning a Bus Trip to Ohio on 6th - 9th July, to visit several Daylily Gardens in the state. If anyone in the Region would be interested in joining us on this tour, please contact Bruce Kovach at 770 815-8921 or by e-mail at: centerpiecegardens@yahoo.com for all the pertinent information. It would probably be a good idea to contact Bruce sooner than later.

The Club will be hosting the Region 5 Convention in Atlanta in 2018. More information will be forthcoming as plans formulate.

A warm welcome to our newest members: Dorothy Ball, Elizabeth Edwards, Nancy Griggs, Edwina Johnson, Bill Tanenbaum, Geoffrey Turk and Minot Yeaton. Hope to see you at all our upcoming events.

Northwest Georgia Daylily Society

Club Reporter: David Bishop

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The NWGDS meets the fourth Saturday in each month at 10:00 AM at the Stiles Auditorium at 320 West Cherokee Avenue in Cartersville, GA. First time visitors receive a free daylily, plus there are free drawings each meeting.

In January Jessie Worsham, Doris Bishop and Claude Carpenter formed a panel that answered questions from the club and did a masterful job.

In our February meeting Harold McDonell presented “Shade Gardening” and was again very well received.

In March Pete Harry will do his presentation and auction daylilies.

April sees a “Pocket Change” auction of daylilies to raise money for the show and Jim Mullins will discuss the changes in the judging of daylily entries in the show.

May will be our grooming clinic. The Garden Tour is scheduled for June 10 and the show will be June 17 at the Cartersville Civic Center.

The Salters are coming in July and our annual MARS points auction will be held in August.

September is our hypertufa workshop and we will hold our last meeting of the year on October 28.

Our club continues to add new members each meeting because we have fun and our members continue to invite their friends.
Club Reports

Ogeechee Daylily Society

Club Reporter: Tim Herrington

Club members have had 3 meetings since the last edition of The Georgia Daylily.

We had a late Christmas party and Happy New Year Party at the Joiner’s on Saturday January 7. We had a lot of food and fellowship as we all welcomed another year enjoying our favorite flower.

Our next meeting was held on Tuesday, February 14. Jan Joiner did a program on “Why I love Daylilies and How I Got Started”.

Our next meeting was held on March 14 and our speaker was Paul Bathe. He shared with us the advantages and methods of ‘Bale Gardening’ with our club. ‘Bale Gardening’ is a simply a different type of container gardening. The main difference is that the container is actually the straw bale itself, held together with two or three strings, the outside crust of the bale serves as the container. Once the straw inside the bale begins to decompose, the straw becomes “conditioned” and ready to plant. The step by step process of conditioning creates an extraordinarily productive, warm, moist and nutrient rich rooting environment for plants, even daylilies.

The club will hold its mobile show on May 17 at Maneki Neko Gardens in Ellabell. Contact Scott Elliott, Show Chair, for information.

On May 27 our club along with the Savannah Club will hold a show at Old Fellowship Baptist Church in Stilson. Contact Sue Stevens Cliett, Show Chair, for information.

Readers of The Georgia Daylily that enjoy gardening and growing flowers and live close to the two main branches of the Ogeechee River and anyone else who desires to drive a little are invited to join the club. Any of the members can be contacted for information about the meetings. The Ogeechee Daylily Society is dedicated to the promotion and enjoyment of daylilies at all levels, from the beginner to the most advanced hybridizers.

Daylily Society of Greater Augusta

Club Reporter: Arleigh Mansfield

January 8 Meeting:
It was a northern kind of day (dog-gone cold) for our first meeting of the new year on January 8th at Lake Park Baptist Church.

After some minor business matters, Ginny Allen reminded us of the upcoming Home and Garden show, requesting volunteers to man a booth.

She also introduced the 2017 theme for the design division - Colors of the Rainbow.

Section I Tri-color:
- Red, a traditional mass design on pedestal.
- Orange, a traditional line or mass design.
- Yellow, traditional mass or line design for dinner table centerpiece.

Section 2:
- Green, A creative design including abstracted foliage.
- Blue, design in the oriental manner using water.
- Purple, creative design using dried or treated material.

Section 3:
- Non-judged designs by invited members of Ikebana International.

Larry Welch promoted the AHS Facebook auction, listing some of the exciting items up for bid. Oooh, someone is going to Maui.

Our speaker Scott Elliott presented a most informative program on the new regulations for judges and shows. A lot of thought has gone into making sure our shows are in full compliance.

March 12 Meeting:
After spring and even early summer-like temperatures have dominated the last few days a cold rain has descended upon us. Remember the January meeting? The church where we meet had no heat due to a gas leak but we gathered in the choir room where portable radiator heaters kept us from shivering.

Ginny Allen introduced Pam Kolb who is a member of several garden clubs and who loves design. She presented a program on manipulating foliage for arrangements. Cutting, bending, braiding, stapling and joining all serve to give interesting shapes and textures to foliage. She illustrated with philodendron, sago palm, horsetail, and apidistra. So, we do not have to show it as we grow it.

We took care of several business matters including fees for judges and speakers and the reinstatement of the boutique table for our show. We talked of auctions, raffles and plant sales. Ginny Allen, Nona Ligon and Charlie Shaw plan to give us good publicity for our June 3rd show. Jim Shipp, show chair, updated us on preparations for the show. Larry Welch gave an encouraging and sometimes admonishing talk on the life of the club and the needs we have. Thanks, Larry, we needed that. We dismissed for refreshments in the adjoining conference room.

Oh, let’s hope the May meeting does not return to winter.
**Club Reports**

**Savannah Hemerocallis Society**

Club Reporter: Gail Fowler

The Savannah club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at The Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens and Bamboo Farm, Hwy 17 S., Savannah, GA 31419. We warmly welcome both members and guests.

**2017 Events:**

- March 16th  Group visit to Oelschig’s Nursery
- April 20th  Program: Iris's (by Stan Grey)
- Apr 29th  GA Hybridizer’s Springtime Celebration: 9 am-until
- May 18th  Program: “Why I Love Daylilies” by Jan Joiner  and 50/50 Auction
- May 27th  Daylily Show – Old Fellowship Baptist Church—Brooklet, GA
- June (TBA)  Picnic – The home of George and Martha Fawcett

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Club News:
The annual Christmas Social and gift exchange was held at Pearl’s Saltwater Grille. Members enjoyed panoramic views of a tidal inlet off the Georgia coast and tasty seafood selections.

We started off a brand new year with our Casserole Cook Off. Members prepared their favorite casserole dishes for a chance to win a prize. The cook-off ended with Carol Koffroth coming in first place.

In late Summer, Stan and Sheila Woo took a trip to Africa. Stan gave a presentation on their trip at the February meeting where he introduced members to the many types of animal and plant life they encountered. Stan could recite all the animal’s and bird’s name without any notes.

At the beginning of March, members met at our display garden at the Coastal Gardens where we teamed up to freshen up the garden for the upcoming year. New members learned how to improve the landscaping and provide maintenance to the garden that is needed throughout the year.

The March meeting will be held at Oelschig’s Nursery, the Southeast’s oldest nursery established in 1882, where members will take a “behind-the-scenes” tour guided by Terry Beasley highlighting the day to day functions of the nursery and how the beautiful plants are grown.

**South Georgia Daylily Society**

Marilyn C Waters, President
Billy Stafford, Vice-President
Vickie Vincent, Treasurer
Margaret Ann Outlaw, Secretary
Lynn Barber, Recording Secretary

Although the gardens of members of South Georgia Daylily Society are small in comparison to many they are beautiful none the less and contain not only a great variety of beautiful daylilies, old and new, but are enhanced by numerous companion plants as well. I suppose you might call them miniature gardens.

Our club has been blessed with many great programs of well known hybridizers as well as area gardening experts. Our meetings are known as fun filled educational meetings that fill the mind with information and the body with exceptional food. That’s a combination that is difficult to beat.

In January Don Berryhill, known in these parts as “Mr. Okefenokee Swamp” shared with us all about the massive swamp that is in our area. Mr. Berryhill has studied the swamp for 5 decades. He also teaches classes about the swamp. This was a very interesting and informative program.

February rolled around and our very own Billy Stafford, a Biology teacher at Pierce County High School, shared with us his vast knowledge of plant structure in language simple enough for all of us to understand. Members took soil samples of their garden to be tested so that we would know how to amend our soil for best results of growing daylilies. Now all we need to do is get to work and enjoy the fruits of our labor.
2017 Region 5 Hybridizer’s Award Ballot

History: The Georgia Hybridizer’s Award was created in 1969 to recognize outstanding efforts of hybridizers in Region 5. Members of Region 5 vote on the award each year. On September 13, 2003, the membership voted to change the process from Region 5 members selecting a winner of their choice at random to a system where the membership can choose a cultivar on a ballot from choices made by Region 5 members. The ballot will also have a choice of a write-in candidate if one chooses not to vote for the hybridizers choices on the ballot. This process mirrors the awards systems of the AHS. Normally the Regional President has been responsible for tallying the votes and presenting the award each year. However this year the Regional Publicity Director will maintain overall responsibility for the award procedures.

Rules: The rules for eligibility are 1) The cultivar must be registered with the American Hemerocallis Society. 2) The cultivar must be registered by a Georgia Hybridizer and 3) The cultivar must not have won the award in previous years.

Procedure: A nomination form will appear in the fall/winter newsletter where hybridizers are invited to nominate one or more of their daylilies for the Georgia Hybridizers Award. Hybridizers have a choice of what they can nominate or not even to nominate a cultivar at all. The ballot will appear in the spring/summer newsletter. The award will be presented at the fall meeting as it has been done in the past.

--------Sign your name below and mail the ballot below by July 1, 2017--------

David Bishop, Regional Publicity Director, 35 Northwoods Dr NW, Cartersville, GA 30121

BALLOT: The list below is the cultivars submitted by the hybridizers. Circle your choice OR write your choice on the line provided.

- H. ‘Amazing Morris Kirby’
- H. ‘Blazing Cannons’
- H. ‘Bodacious Bite’
- H. ‘Duck’s Dark Side’
- H. ‘Jelly Filled Donut’
- H. ‘Jessica Lynn Bell’
- H. ‘Viva Glam Girl’
- H. ‘WYSIWYG’

Write-in __________________________ Signature_____________________________

BALLOT FOR SECOND MEMBER OF FAMILY: The list below is the cultivars submitted by the hybridizers. Circle your choice OR write your choice on the line provided.

- H. ‘Amazing Morris Kirby’
- H. ‘Blazing Cannons’
- H. ‘Bodacious Bite’
- H. ‘Duck’s Dark Side’
- H. ‘Jelly Filled Donut’
- H. ‘Jessica Lynn Bell’
- H. ‘Viva Glam Girl’
- H. ‘WYSIWYG’

Write-in __________________________ Signature_____________________________
2017 Hybridizer’s Award Nominees

‘Amazing Morris Kirby’
‘Blazing Cannons’
‘Bodacious Bite’
‘Duck’s Dark Side’
‘Jelly Filled Donut’
‘Jessica Lynn Bell’
‘Viva Glam Girl’
‘Wysiwyg’
2016 Region Five Popularity Poll - Top 5
Will be classified in the “Popularity Poll Division” of 2017 Region 5 Shows

(1) ‘Dorothy and Toto’
Hybridized by Katisue Herrington

(2) ‘Jessica Lynn Bell’
Hybridized by Tim Bell

(3) ‘Mayor of Munchkinland’
Hybridized by Tim Herrington

(4) Everybody Loves Earnest
Hybridized by Tim Herrington

(5) Heavenly United We Stand
Hybridized by Jamie Gossard